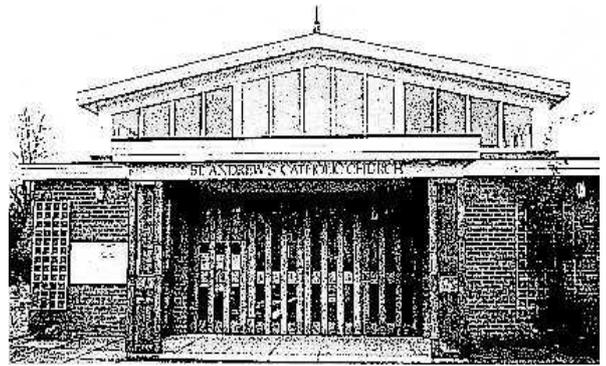

ST. ANDREW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH – THORNTON HEATH

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Deacons: Rev. Tony Flavin, Rev. Errol Quagraine
Parish Sister: Sr. Jennie Eldridge DMJ
Croydon University Hospital Chaplaincy: Sr. Sheila DMJ



Welcome to St Andrew's RC Church. Worship has been offered here since 1905. You are all very welcome to join in the hymns and other parts of the service as much as possible. Please switch mobile phones off and refrain from taking photographs, filming or recording.

25th October 2020
30th Sunday of the Year (A)

Message from Deacon Errol

Preparedness

What is important to you at this uncertain time? People are anxious about their health, jobs, shelter and life in general. What do you do when all seems lost? A number of parables and teachings of Jesus remind us that the Christian life is, on some level, a matter of conscious choice, of being alert to the Spirit and being watchful, as his return is close.

He speaks of his coming as a time of joy and celebration, not of fear and trembling. We only need to be prepared so that when he comes we can open the door to him. "Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes." *Lk 12:35-38*

Our worry then must be for the salvation of souls. When we are fully involved in anything our attention is complete. At other times, we tend to put things off. However, procrastination steals time from us and leads to anxiety and frustration.

In our preparation, Jesus tells us, not to worry about our life – what we will eat, wear or drink, for God will take care of it, as long as we remain connected. *Matt 6:25-33*. St Paul teaches us, "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by **prayer** and **supplication**, with **thanksgiving**, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." *Phil 4:6-8*. The Eucharist provides the sustenance and strength we need to continue marching forward, striving, persevering, pressing on against all odds, and all of these form part our preparation for Jesus' coming.

Therefore, be alert to the fact that God created us, and we are on a journey back to Him. This helps to put our whole life into a proper perspective. Closeness to Jesus is what keeps this awareness alive.

This Sunday's Readings

Exodus 22:20-26	If you are harsh with the widow, the orphan, my anger will flare against you
Psalms 17	I love you, Lord, my strength
1 Thessalonians 1:5-10	You broke with idolatry and became servants of God; you are now waiting for his Son
Matthew 22:34-40	You must love the Lord your God and your neighbour as yourself

Diary for the Week

Sunday 25th October <i>30th Sunday of the Year</i> <i>(clocks back 1 hour)</i>	6.00pm (Saturday)	First Mass of Sunday	Tony – Wellbeing Nkechi Osamor Geatano Sciberras For the people of the Parish
	9.30am	Mass	
	11.30am	Mass	
	6.00pm	Mass	
Monday 26th October	7.30am	Mass	Mother of Kathy Sacco RIP Paul Etuka RIP
	10.00am	Mass	
Tuesday 27th October	7.30am	Mass	Anna Pluta RIP
	10.00am	Mass	
Wednesday 28th October	7.30am	Mass	Ed Sacco RIP
	10.00am	Mass	
Thursday 29th October	7.30am	Mass	Maria Rebello RIP
	10.00am	Mass	
Friday 30th October	7.30am	Mass	For Our Lady of Africa for Lazare
	10.00am	Mass	
Saturday 31st October	9.30am	Mass	For the People of the Parish
	10.00 – 10.30am	Confessions	
	5.00 – 5.30pm	Confessions	
	6.00pm	First Mass of Sunday	
Sunday 1st November <i>All Saints Day</i> <i>Holyday of Obligation</i>	9.30am	Mass	Joseph Kwame Baffoe RIP John Messina RIP November List
	11.30am	Mass	
	6.00pm	Mass	

Church cleaners: this week: Sancho's Dusters, next week: St Jude's Group

St. Andrew's Parish Notices

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION

- Thank you to our stewards who stay behind after masses to help with sanitising and cleaning and all our helpers before and during mass, we are immensely grateful for your help but we need more stewards to help us, especially with tidying and cleaning up after every mass. If you think you can help, please send an email to the office with your contact details, thank you.
- Fr Emmanuel is away on holiday in Nigeria now until 27th November. Fr Sylvester will be responsible for the running of the Parish.

NOVEMBER PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

During the month of November we particularly pray for those who have died. A list of the deceased whose funerals took place here at St Andrew's will be displayed in the front of the Altar. Anyone who has a relative or friend who has died elsewhere in the last year should give in their names and date of death to the office or to one of the Priests and the name will be added to this list. Please put the names in a Holy Souls envelope together with your offerings in the basket before the Altar. These envelopes will be brought up during each Mass in the month of November. On Saturday 28th November at 9.30am we will hold our annual Mass for those who have died in the last year, we hope you can join us.

400 CLUB OCTOBER draw: Christine Evans - £20 No: 37, Katherine Hynes - £10 No: 19, Nina Cowley - £10 No:121

REPOSITORY

The Repository will be open after the 9.30am Mass on Sunday. You will need to re-enter the church at the front entrance after exiting through the side doors for access.

ST DAMIEN'S

St Damien's is a small group in the parish that was set up when the pandemic started in March. We have been doing shopping and errands for people shielding in the parish. If you find yourself needing errands or help for a short time for whatever reason, whether it be that you are shielding or fall sick or have just come out of hospital, please ask for help. All of us at times need a helping hand. If you know anyone in the parish who needs help, please let us know. Jane Ritchie 07999693052.

CAFOD

Our parish raised a fantastic £397.63 for CAFOD's coronavirus appeal this Harvest Family Fast Day, in addition to donations made online or by text. Your support will help ensure our global family can survive, rebuild and heal. Thank you for your generosity, and please keep the world's poorest and most vulnerable communities in your prayers at this time.